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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

This preliminary amendment to the above-identified patent application is submitted pursuant to
37 C.F.R. §1.115. The Applicant respectfully requests that this amendment be entered and considered in
the first examination of this application.

Please amend the application as follows:

1 IN THE DISCLOSURE

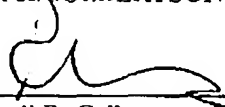
2 1. Replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 5 of the specification with the following
3 paragraph.

4 This application is a continuation application of United States Patent Application
5 No. 10/173,955, filed June 18, 2002, entitled "APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR
6 EXPOSING COMMINUTED FOODSTUFF TO A PROCESSING FLUID", which is a
7 continuation-in-part application of United States Patent Application No.
8 09/579,783, filed May 26, 2000, entitled "METHOD FOR TREATING AMMONIATED
9 MEATS," now United States Patent No. 6,406,728, which is a divisional application of
10 United States Patent Application No. 09/286,699, filed April 6, 1999, entitled
11 "APPARATUS FOR TREATING AMMONIATED MEATS," now United States Patent
12 No. 6,142,067. The Applicant claims the benefit of each of these prior applications
13 pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §120. The entire contents of the disclosure in United States Patent
14 No. 6,142,067 are hereby incorporated herein by this reference.

15 Respectfully submitted,

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